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ROME REPORTS OCCUPATION OF FIUME

ITALIAN TROOPS IN FIUME; D'ANNUNZIANI SEEK TRUCE TO DISCUSS CAPITULATION

Regulars Pour In From Three Sides, Breaking Wire Entanglements.

BRIDGES ARE BLOWN UP.

Insurgent Leader Holds Out to the Last, Urging Men to Resist.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—There is reason to believe Fiume is occupied by regular troops, Premier Giolitti of Italy declared at a press conference in Rome last night, says a Central News despatch from that city.

MILAN, Dec. 28.—Christmas Day was marked by hard fighting around Fiume, at the end of which the Italian Alpini entered the city under heavy fire and occupied the d'Annunzio shipyard.

ROME, Dec. 28.—Despatches from Fiume say that at 10 o'clock to-day regular troops had drawn a tight line around three sides of the city. Swarming through barricades and slashing wire entanglements, the soldiers edged their way through crooked streets until they had undisputed possession of a number of important structures.

On the Contrada side of Fiume the troops occupied the big Danubius shipbuilding plant, Whitehead torpedo works, an oil refinery and other structures, and their line fronted on the city's public gardens.

On the Gradisca side the regulars had reached Monte Calvario. On the Enea side, no advance had been made and Gen. Cavaglia's forces faced an apparently deserted stretch in which machine gun and snipers' nests were concealed.

Here the regulars were delayed by the destruction of bridges. The engineering forces were busy constructing makeshift crossings to replace the crumbled masonry.

The Mayor of Fiume has asked Gen. Cavaglia for a suspension of hostilities. Gen. Cavaglia stipulated two conditions, one of which already has been accepted. It is expected that in an interview arranged for to-day between the Mayor and Gen. Ferrario, commander of the blockading forces, the terms of capitulation will be agreed upon.

D'Annunzio is reported to have declared he would destroy the city rather than submit to the regular army. A series of his proclamations reached a climax with an impassioned appeal in which he demanded the support of the Italian people. Copies of the document were found among the advancing forces but officers denied their men had been affected by the propaganda.

D'Annunzio's wide experience during the great war was exemplified at Fiume in the construction of the city's defenses. The mines destroying roads

NEW YORK BANKS MAY CHECK FOREIGN EXCHANGE THIEVES

Evening World Exposures Awakens Them to Enormity of Swindles Here.

By Martin Green.
Such appalling waste and loss—not to mention downright thievery—attends the transmission of money from foreign-born residents of this country to relatives and friends in Eastern, Central and Southern Europe that, in justice to the ignorant, credulous immigrants who contribute the money on this side and the starving, freezing people who fail to receive it on the other side, the business of handling foreign exchange must be reorganized. Steps in that direction have been taken, but little progress has been made.

The Guaranty Trust Company has opened a branch in Grand Street and is reaching out for foreign exchange business in the heart of a nest of agents, brokers and self-styled bankers, most of whom are utterly irresponsible and outside the control of the State Banking Department. The example of the Guaranty Trust Company will doubtless be followed by other great banking institutions when it is established that there is profit in handling foreign exchange for the poor and ignorant.

Owing to the fact that the great responsible banks of this city have made no efforts to attract the custom of the foreign born, the business of transmission of money to Europe in small sums for the uses of humble people is monopolized by immigrant bankers—some of whom have large credits and reliable agents abroad—and hordes of agents and brokers who have no credits abroad and accept money without caring whether it is ever delivered or not. As The Evening World has explained, the misery and distress in Europe have touched practically every foreign born person in this country who has relatives or friends there and the outflow of American dollars has reached enormous proportions.

THIS N. Y. BANKER IS AWAKE AND WILL DO SOMETHING.

A vice president of one of New York's great banks was asked to-day why the great fact that the abuses connected with transmission of money to Europe amounts to a national scandal. He said he hadn't thought

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WILSON CELEBRATES HIS 64TH BIRTHDAY

Two of the President's Daughters With Him for the Occasion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Wilson celebrated his 64th birthday to-day receiving numerous messages of congratulation. Two of the President's daughters, Miss Margaret Wilson and Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, were with him for the occasion and also Dr. Stockton Axson, brother of the President's first wife.

Mrs. Wilson and the President's daughters expect to attend to-night the wedding of Miss Marjorie Brown, cousin of President Wilson's first wife.

4 GUNMEN HOLD UP AND ROB 19 CLERKS AT NO. 25 BROAD ST

Take Away Salaries and Bonuses as Offices Closed Day Before Xmas.

WERE SHOOTING CRAPS.

Armed Men, After Cleaning Them of Cash, Wished Them All a Merry Christmas.

Nineteen clerks employed by Broad Street curb brokers had a lean Christmas, it became known to-day, for on the day before the holiday their week's wages and bonuses ranging between \$1,500 and \$2,000 had been taken from them by four gunmen.

The robbed clerks have their headquarters in the basement of No. 25 Broad Street. In this basement is a hall flanked on either side by telephone booths which buying and selling orders are received.

Last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock when the market was closed for the day and the clerks had received their wages and bonuses a crap game was instituted in the rear of the hall. Suddenly four strangers injected themselves into the midst of the group and four revolvers were flashed in the faces of the dice shooters.

The nineteen clerks were ranged along the wall and the four gunmen calmly rifled their pockets and wages and bonuses were transferred to the pockets of the gunning visitors. The quietest after wishing the nineteen a Merry Christmas departed.

Several of the robbed clerks believe they know one of the gunmen, who, they say, has been hanging around the curb for some time. Inasmuch as their employers have been seeking to stamp out the crap shooting practices, they are not altogether anxious to be brought into court for fear of losing their positions. They feel that it is bad enough to lose wages and bonuses at Yuletide without losing their jobs.

MRS. MACSWINEY SAILS SATURDAY

Widow of Cork's Mayor Will Bid Reluctant Farewell to United States.

Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, will bid a reluctant farewell to America on New Year's Day, when she will sail from here on the U. S. mail liner Panhandle State. Her only companion on her homeward journey will be Miss Kathleen O'Connell.

"I leave your very hospitable country very regretfully," said Mrs. MacSwiney to-day in her apartment at the St. Regis Hotel. "I'd love to remain longer, but my baby calls me across 3,000 miles of ocean and the urge is too strong to resist. It would be impossible for me to express in words my appreciation of the wonderful hospitality I have met in the United States."

Her sister-in-law, Miss Mary MacSwiney, who came here with her, will remain to work for Ireland by lecturing in America.

PRESIDENT'S YACHT DAMAGED BY FIRE

Messroom and Staterooms in Officers' Quarters of the Mayflower Destroyed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The messroom and several staterooms in the officers' quarters on the Presidential yacht Mayflower were burned to-day while the yacht was tied up at the Navy Yard here. A board of inquiry was convened to determine the origin of the fire.

Secretary Daniels said the amount of the damage had not been determined, but that a number of the officers on the vessel lost all of their personal effects. The fire was extinguished before it reached the state dining room and the President's quarters.

Four of the Men on Senator Harding's Slate For Service as Members of His Cabinet



CHARLES E. HUGHES, WILL H. HAYS, HERBERT C. HOOVER, HARRY M. DAUGHERTY

FIRE IN IRISH CITY FOLLOWS CLOSE ON BATTLE AT BRUFF

Blaze in Department Store Spreads to Other Buildings Near at Hand.

DUBLIN, Dec. 28.—Seventeen lives were lost in Ireland over Christmas, it was announced at Dublin Castle to-day. This included Sinn Feiners and members of crown forces.

The report said the holiday period was quieter than had been expected. Countess Georgina Markievicz, who was tried by a courtmartial on a charge of conspiring to organize a seditious society, was to-day sentenced to two years at hard labor in prison.

The specific allegation against her was that she had between January, 1918, and September, 1920, plotted to organize a "Fianna Eireann," or Sinn Fein Boy Scout Society. This organization has been charged with the conspiracy to murder military police, and with unlawful drilling.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Telegraphic advices from Tipperary say that the business district of that city has been swept by flames and that much damage has been done. Help has been sent from Dublin, but it is not known as yet if the fire is under control. The cause of the burning of the buildings, which are said to comprise some of the best business structures, has not been ascertained.

The first report of the fire came soon after the report of fighting at Bruff, near Limerick, in which a policeman and five civilians were killed. There is nothing to indicate, however, that the two events were in any way connected, but both districts are under martial law.

So far as known at this time the fire in Tipperary started in a department store and spread to some adjoining buildings which were soon in flames. Details are entirely lacking, but as the scene is within the martial law belt it is supposed that the despatches have been held back by the military censor. That the fire is very serious is assumed from the fact that assistance was called for. This is seldom done except in extreme cases.

FAKE AMERICAN ACE DESERTS HIS BRIDE

Impersonator of Rickenbacker Said to Have Been Stableboy in Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 28.—The man who, posing as Eddie Rickenbacker, the celebrated American ace, married a New York girl here last week, has deserted his bride of a week in Chicago. The young woman so informed her mother to-day.

The pseudo Rickenbacker is said to have really been a groom from a wealthy man's St. Augustine stable. Posing as the noted American aviator, he was lavishly entertained in the best society and won a bride. Warrants charging him with embezzlement of several hundred dollars in connection with his adventure are in the hands of the police.

LIFE OF WILSON IN DANGER, SAYS FRENCH SEERESS

America to Have Serious Labor and Political Troubles in '21, Predicts Mme. de Telemé.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—SERIOUS political and labor troubles, with President Wilson's life endangered, are part of America's fortune for 1921, according to Madame de Telemé in a statement issued to-day.

Madame de Telemé, who is the successor of the famous Madame de Thèbes, makes her prediction after long study of the stars. For the other nations she sees the following:

England, serious economic and social difficulties; Belgium, international worries; Italy, a revolutionary attempt; Spain, a most troubled internal situation; Portugal, a revolution; Turkey, dismemberment; Russia, increased disorder, with Lenin's life endangered.

France, further division of the Socialist Party; difficulties over labor and religious questions; a change of Government during the summer.

HOT FOR LANDLORDS OF HEATLESS FLATS

One Fined \$300, Another \$100 for Not Furnishing Warmth to the Tenants.

William Sperling, who owns an apartment house at No. 3391 Broadway, was to-day fined \$300 for failure to supply sufficient heat to the twenty-eight families he houses.

Magistrate Brough, sitting in the Municipal Term of the Magistrates' Court, imposed the fine and declared that he would make it hot for any landlord who failed to furnish heat or his tenants.

Harry Fine got a fine of \$100 by the same Magistrate in the same court for the same reason. He owns an apartment house at No. 65 West 154th Street.

RAILWAY COAL BILL UP OVER \$97,000,000

Consumption in Nine Months About 10,000,000 Tons Over Same Period in 1919.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The railroads' coal bill for the first nine months of this year was \$97,825,521 more than during the corresponding period last year, said a statement issued to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The total coal consumption by the railroads during the nine months was 81,752,921 tons, while during the same period in 1919 they used 71,619,009 tons.

CARDINAL GIBBONS BETTER.

May Return to Baltimore Within a Week, Physician Says.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 28.—Continued improvement in Cardinal Gibbons' condition was reported to-day from Union Mills, Md., where he is staying at the home of Robert T. Shriver. The Cardinal passed a comfortable night and appeared much rested. He was bright and cheerful. The Cardinal's physician said to-day that if the prelate continued to gain strength he would soon be able to return to Baltimore, probably in about a week.

CEMENT OFFICIAL AROUSES WRATH OF MR. UNTERMYER

C. R. Hulsart, Secretary, Professes to Know Little About Its Business.

The indictment for contempt of one more Lockwood Committee witness was threatened at the conclusion of the first session to-day after Samuel Untermyer had become exasperated by the cool evasiveness of C. Raymond Hulsart, vice president and general manager of the Cement Manufacturers' Protective Association, an organization said by Mr. Untermyer to have an ironbound control of cement prices in the North and Middle Eastern States.

Mr. Hulsart, youthful mandy haired and positive, denied any and all information regarding the price of cement. He solemnly admitted transmitting price data along with other statistics between manufacturers, daily, monthly, and quarterly and said he knew nothing of them and cared less. Mr. Untermyer called Archibald Cox, Mr. Hulsart's counsel, into consultation and said he would unless the young man mended his method of answering this afternoon have him cited for contempt and sent before the Grand Jury at once.

Mr. Hulsart said he couldn't testify about what he didn't know. He was excused and his place taken by President John H. Moran of the Atlas Portland Cement Company, with \$30,000,000 of outstanding securities and four plants in New York, Missouri, Alabama and Pennsylvania, with a capacity of 15,000,000 barrels a year and an output of from ten to eleven million barrels each in 1919 and 1920.

The surrender by dissolution of the Holding Association of contractors, operating lifts in buildings under construction, was announced to the

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HEAVY SNOW STORM IS RAGING UP-STATE

Nearly Foot Deep and Still Falling—Traffic Almost at Standstill.

MALONE, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The entire north country to the St. Lawrence River edge was to-day in the grip of the second big snowstorm of the winter season. Snow is nearly a foot deep. Throughout the North generally traffic is paralyzed. Transportation over railroads is next to a standstill. Trains are from an hour to two hours and forty-five minutes late.

The storm has raged for nearly twenty-four hours with no let-up in sight. The thermometer in this city went to 15 below last night.

HARDING CHOOSES HUGHES AS HEAD OF HIS CABINET; HOOVER ALSO TO BE MEMBER

Daugherty, Hays and Wallace Will All Have Places, Say Reports From "Inner Circle" at Washington—Lowden Out of It.

By David Lawrence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (Copyright, 1920).—Charles Evans Hughes will be the next Secretary of State.

Gov. Lowden is out of the running for Secretary of the Treasury and will be given a foreign post of importance.

Charles Grosvenor Dawes or George M. Reynolds, both of Chicago, are uppermost in the mind of President-elect Harding for the Secretaryship of the Treasury.

Herbert Hoover will be either Secretary of Labor or Secretary of the Interior, with the chance in favor of his being asked to take the former.

Harry M. Daugherty will have to decide the question of who is to be Attorney General, for he can have the place if he wants it.

Henry C. Wallace has been asked to become Secretary of Agriculture and has accepted.

Will H. Hays will be asked to become Postmaster General.

The other portfolios—Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of War, Secretary of Commerce—are not yet decided upon, and if Mr. Hoover is asked to become Secretary of the Interior, this would upset calculations on the Secretaryship of Labor.

The foregoing series of statements were given the writer by several of the men who can be considered as members of the "inner circle" in the next Administration. They are authority, moreover, for the assertion that Gen. Pershing will not be asked to be Secretary of War, and they insist with equal positiveness that the published stories concerning Senator Penrose's unwillingness to let Senator Knox resign his seat in the Senate because it would lead to the entry of Gov. Spruiell as a contender for control of the Pennsylvania political situation are entirely without foundation.

Mr. Penrose is represented as being willing to do anything that Senator Harding may want done to select a Cabinet that will fulfil the campaign promise to pick able executives. Mr. Penrose isn't worried about the Pennsylvania situation.

And another significant fact is that to date Mr. Harding has not asked Senator Knox to go to Marion and has not indicated to Mr. Knox that he wants him to become Secretary of State.

HARDING WANTS MEN TO FIT HIS POLICY.
It is known that Mr. Harding has been thinking seriously of Mr. Knox for the Secretaryship of State and in his heart there is no man he would rather select. But the next Cabinet will not be a group of personal favorites. Mr. Harding has felt it his duty to map out a general policy for his Administration and then try to get men to fit that policy.

The conferences of the last few weeks at Marion have convinced Mr. Harding that he cannot afford to take any extremist, and he fears that Mr. Knox's position on foreign questions is such that it would be embarrassing for Mr. Knox to reverse himself or trim his views to suit the Harding policy. Moreover, Mr. Harding doesn't want to antagonize any groups in the party by selecting one who has been so completely identified with the "irreconcilable" group in the Senate. The unwisdom of such a course from a political viewpoint has been urged upon Mr. Harding, though at first he was inclined to pay no attention to it at all.

To select a Cabinet that would meet the expectations of the country, Senator Harding has realized he must get a top-line, a man whose abilities

SCOTTISH RITE FOR HARDING.
Degrees to Be Conferred at Columbus Jan. 5.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 28.—President-elect Harding will become a Scottish Rite Mason Jan. 5, when the Columbus Chapter will confer degrees upon him. Senator Harding will be the only candidate.

The work will start at noon with conferring of the fourth degree and end at 7.30 P. M., when the thirty-second degree will be conferred. Presidents Garfield and McKinley were members of the Columbus Lodge.

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